# LIVE. LEARN. DEVELOP. HEAL.

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# **NEW BEGINNINGS:**

- A chance to learn new life skills.
- A chance to live in a caring and safe environment.
- A chance to develop self-esteem and explore talents.
- A chance to heal emotionally, mentally and spiritually.
- A chance to become a valued member of society.

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### **OUR VISION:**

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### **EL' DAD RANCH:**

A multi-faceted program which provides residential support, vocational training and assistance in designing a future of choice for men with intellectual disabilities.

## **RESTORATIVE JUSTICE:**

A response to crime that focuses on restoring the losses suffered by victims, holding offenders accountable for the harm they have caused and building peace within communities.



Located on eighteen wooded acres in south-eastern Manitoba, participants live on-site in one of three facilities, with support provided by volunteers and staff.

**STARTED** by Addison and Gerda Klassen in the early 1980s, El'dad Ranch, then a program of MCC Manitoba, has offered young men who have been at odds with the law a second chance.

**OVER** the years, with the help of countless others, the vision has expanded and lives have been enriched with new skills and possibilities. As of 2011, El'dad became part of Initiatives for Just Communities, an umbrella organization with a Restorative Justice focus.

**MANY** of our residents come from hard backgrounds and live with special challenges. For them to heal and move forward, they need unconditional acceptance, to be listened to and to be treated with gentleness, compassion and respect.

**FURTHERMORE**, with guidance and support the residents learn to make healthy choices for themselves and develop real hope for their future.

### ALTERNATIVE JUSTICE PROGRAM

provides round-the-clock support and supervision to men who have been in minor conflict with the law. This program focuses on moving toward positive productive living, learning new job skills, upgrading education and developing new relationships while on probation. It also provides support in planning for the transition to living in the community at large.

#### SUPPORTED LIVING PROGRAM

provides continuous care for men who need substantial support. The program seeks ways in which these individuals can be productive in the community and acquire new skills and new responsibilities.

#### KLASSEN HOUSE PROGRAM

works with men who need a limited amount of support. Participation in this program may lead to living in the community.

### EL'DAD DAY PROGRAM

provides structured skill building activities for residents living in all three homes. Some activities are such as cutting and delivering firewood, building garden sheds, bee-keeping, gardening and maintenance. Residents are encouraged to pursue educational and career training opportunities.